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TAGS: MOPS, PLO, LE

SUBJECT: TROUBLE IN LEBANON

REF: AMMAN'S 3294

1. WE FIND REFTEL INTERESTING, PARTICULARLY AS POSSIBLE INDICATION HUSSEIN'S THINKING. SUBSTANCE NOT FAR FROM THE MARK, BUT I BELIEVE PARA 2 EXAGGERATES POSSIBILITY OF LEBANESE ARMY ACTION AGAINST FEDAYEEN, AND, AS AMB. PICKERING HAS POINTED OUT, SHERIF NASSER'S HOPES MIGHT BE SOURCE OF HIS VIEWS RATHER THAN FACTS. I FIND THE POSSIBILITY THAT SYRIA MIGHT ACQUIESCE TO GOL ACTION AGAINST FEDAYEEN INTERESTING, BUT AGAIN PROBABLYUE TO NASSER'S OPTIMISM RATHER THAN REALITY.

2. CURRENT SITUATION IN LEBANON IF OF COURSE FAR REMOVED FROM THAT PERTAINING IN JORDAN IN 1970, EXCEPT THAT FEDAYEEN ARROGANCE AND FREE-WHELLING MAY BE REMINISCENT OF WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO HAVE BEEN SITUATION IN JORDAN PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER ACTION. LEBANESE CAPABILITY TO COUNTERACT IT, HOWEVER, BEARS ABSOLUTELY NO RESEMBLANCE TO KING HUSSEIN'S CAPABILITIES AT THAT TIME. GODLEY

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